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C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
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11. (Currently Amended): A self ~~Self~~ gripper comprising a male part having hooking elements and a female part comprising a loop forming material, said material comprising crimped tows of continuous filaments and having a thickness comprised between 0.1 ~~0.4~~ mm and 3 mm and a weight comprised between 15 g/m² and 100 g/m².

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended): A diaper ~~Diaper~~ comprising a self gripper comprising a male part having hooking elements and a female part comprising a material comprising crimped tows of continuous filaments and having a thickness comprised between 0.1 ~~0.4~~ mm and 3 mm and a weight comprised between 15 g/m² and 100 g/m².

14. (Currently Amended): A diaper ~~Diaper~~ comprising a self gripper comprising a male part having hooking elements and a female part is comprising a laminated assembly comprising a substrate on which is fixated a material comprising crimped tows of continuous filament, said material having a thickness comprised between 0.1 ~~0.4~~ mm and 3 mm and a weight comprised between 15 g/m² and 100 g/m², the fixation being made through lamination by an adhesive, through thermal bonding or ultrasonic bonding.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 11, wherein said crimped tows are bonded together at bonding points or along bonding lines.

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18. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 17, wherein said bonding points or lines are spaced at regular intervals.

19. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 17, wherein said bonding points or lines are disposed in a regular pattern.

20. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 19, wherein said pattern is hexagonal or has a bees nest shape.

21. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 17, wherein said bonding points or lines are made through a thermal bonding process or an ultrasonic process.

22. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 11, wherein said tows comprise polyester.

23. (New): A self gripper as defined in claim 11, wherein said tows comprise polyolefin, polyamide, cellulose acetates or other thermoplastic material.